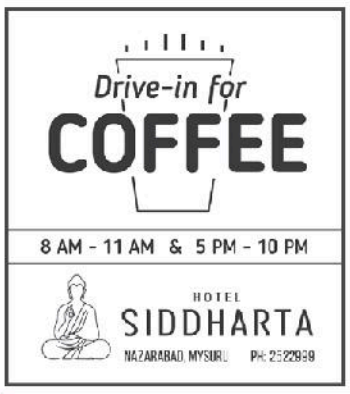

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Anti-Rowdy Squad RE-ACTIVATED

26-member team to be led by City Crime Branch ACP Mohammed Shariff Rawther

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&KS) - In a bid to curb illegal activities, budding rowdies and crimes ranging from murders, extortion under the guise of fake accidents, burglaries, dacoities, rape and murder, to real estate mafia operations, the City Police Commissioner has revived the Anti-Rowdy Squad (ARS) in the city. The 26-member ARS is headed by City Crime Branch (CCB) Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mohammed Shariff Rawther.

Historical background

The ARS was first formed in 1993-94, during the tenure of City Police Commissioner H.R. Kasthurirangan and DCP (Law and Order) Keshavaiah. It was the first-of-its-kind squad in Karnataka.

The original squad was headed by ACP B.P. Uthappa and included Inspectors K.S. Thammaiah and Puttaswamygowda, along with Sub-Inspectors P. Mahadevappa, Mahadevu, T.M. Pasha, Marilingaiah, Ramesh, Jayasheela, Gangadhara, George, Vijayakumar, Sannabyra, Ravikumar, Anil Sankapal, Omprakash, Rajendra, Chennabasavaiah, Nagendra, Nataraj, Vasanthkumar, Nagubai and Vedavathi.

The squad successfully curtailed rowdyism in the city by listing out notorious elements, arresting them and taking legal action, including detentions under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), rebranded as Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) in 2002.

When City Police Commissioner Kuchchanna Srinivas took charge in 1995, he continued the ARS. Kempaiah, who assumed office as Commissioner in 1996, strengthened the squad, which continued its operations until his transfer in 1999.

A notable incident occurred on April 12, 1998, when notorious rowdy Lakshman alias 'Chimpanzee', attacked the squad members. Then-ARS Inspector K.S. Thammaiah shot him dead, instilling fear among rowdy elements, who subsequently became cautious of challenging the squad.

After Kempaiah's transfer, interest in maintaining the ARS waned and the squad became defunct and was eventually integrated into the City Crime Branch. From 1993 to 1999, the ARS successfully put a check on rowdyism through arrests, rowdy parades and strict warnings to anti-social elements.

Once the ARS became inactive, rowdy activities resurfaced, and new elements emerged, creating fear among the public. Between 2006 and 2007, with the real estate boom, rowdies began indulging in extortion, assaults on landowners and even murders.

Despite arrests and jail terms, these criminals often returned to their activities after securing bail, operating without fear of law enforcement.

Mohammed Shariff Rawther

Following recent murders, group clashes and the rape and murder of a minor girl, the City Police have re-activated the ARS to tackle rowdyism decisively.

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To Our Readers

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HAPPY DEEPAWALI

Bride-to-be harassed over dowry; FIR filed

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&BCT)- A shocking case of alleged dowry harassment has been reported in the city, with a mother approaching the Police after her daughter, a medical professional, faced repeated demands for money, valuables and a vehicle — along with threats to break the marriage alliance — from the prospective groom's family.

An FIR has been filed at Saraswathipuram Police Station and the Police are investigating the allegations under the provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which criminalises dowry-related offences.

Confirming the FIR, Saraswathipuram Inspector Purushotham told *Star of Mysore* that he had asked the complainant's family to provide documentary evidence to substantiate the purchase and handing over of cash and valuables, as well as receipts for the choultry booking and engagement-related expenditures.

(See DOWRY on page 7)

Youth killed in tractor-bike collision on N'gud Road

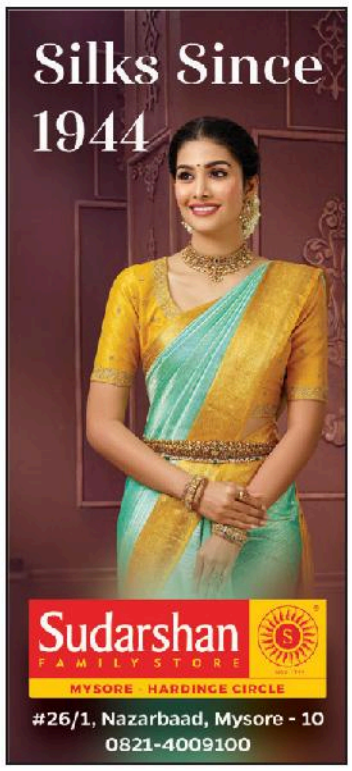
Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&BCT)- A 21-year-old youth was killed on the spot this morning when a tractor, towing a water tank, collided with his bike on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road.

The accident occurred at around 9.15 am. The victim has been identified as Nithin, son of Puttaswamy, a resident of Gargeshwari village in T. Narasipur Taluk.

According to the Police and eyewitnesses, Nithin was on his way to the Office and had stopped his bike near St. Mary's School (JSS Junction signal), waiting for a green signal at the traffic light, when a speeding tractor approaching from Yelethota direction collided with his bike.

The JSS Junction signal has a free left turn and the tractor driver was taking a wide turn at the signal to move onto the adjoining road. In the process, the tractor hit Nithin's bike, flinging him on to the road. The tractor ran over him, killing him on the spot.

Despite wearing a helmet, Nithin sustained severe head and multiple injuries. The impact was so severe that the tractor, along with the attached water tank, toppled into a roadside ditch. K.R. Traffic Police are investigating.



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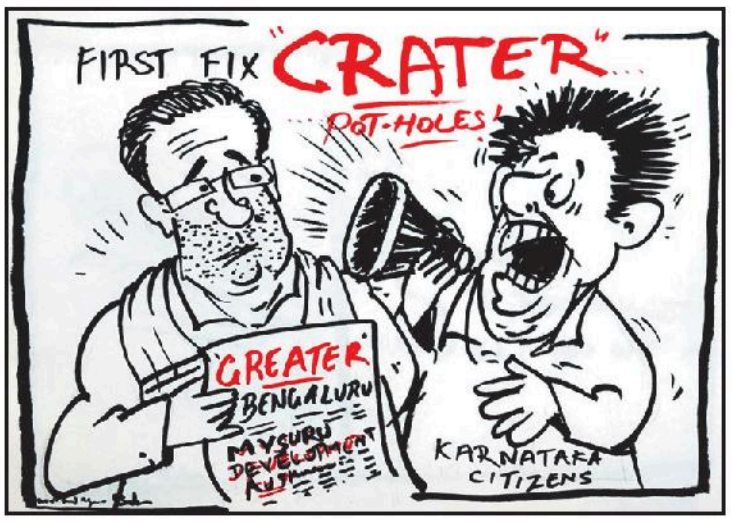
BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE PARADOX OF VENEZUELA'S NOBEL - MISTAKING DEFIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY:

The Nobel Peace Prize has always carried a heavy burden of symbolism. It rewards not just courage, but the kind of courage that advances peace, democracy and justice. This year, that symbolism feels particularly fraught. María Corina Machado, Venezuela's most prominent opposition leader, has been awarded the Nobel for her struggle against Nicolás Maduro's repressive regime. Yet, while we share the world's condemnation of Maduro's corruption, brutality and systematic destruction of Venezuela's democratic institutions, we cannot celebrate this choice.

There is no question that Maduro's rule represents one of the most tragic chapters in Venezuela's modern history. His government has crushed dissent, jailed opponents, falsified elections and presided over the collapse of a once-prosperous nation...

To put it plainly, Machado is an ideologue of the far right. Her vision for Venezuela is a textbook case of radical free-market dogma: an economy stripped of protections, privatised to the bone and tethered to the whims of international capital...

More troubling still is Machado's long record of supporting anti-democratic and interventionist measures. She was one of the signatories of the Carmona Decree during the short-lived 2002 coup that sought to depose Hugo Chávez and dissolve the National Assembly. For someone now lionised as a defender of democracy, that historical stain is not trivial; it reveals a willingness to suspend democratic principles when it suits her political ends...

The Nobel Peace Prize has often erred on symbolism over substance. But awarding it to Machado risks conflating "opposition" with "peace" and "anti-Maduro" with "pro-democracy." Venezuela deserves better than this Manichaean narrative. It deserves international solidarity that understands democracy not as the victory of one camp over another but as the collective, painstaking project of rebuilding trust and equity after years of ruin.

True peace requires more than courage against oppression; it requires a moral vision that transcends revenge and resists the seductions of ideology. Machado may be brave, but bravery alone does not make her.

—Mousumi Roy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Brown seaweed belt visible from space

New York: The Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt is a shockingly large mass of brown algae almost double the width of the American continent, and clearly visible from space.

The first major bloom of the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt was observed by scientists in 2011. In the almost 15 years since, it has ballooned into a giant mass that stretches 8,850 km and weighs 37.5 million tonnes. It stretches from West Africa all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, forming a massive brown ribbon visible from outer space.

Once confined only to the Sargasso Sea, the sargassum belt has been unleashed into the open ocean as it continues to grow because of increased levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the water.

Halloween display aims for record

Cold Spring: A Kentucky man with an annual tradition of going all-out for Halloween decorating is now attempting to clinch a Guinness World Record with his latest set-up.

The Cold Spring resident, who dubbed himself Halloween Herm, has been decorating his Village Green Drive home for Halloween for decades, and in recent years he has dubbed the display "Deadsprings Cemetery."

He said his tradition started as a tribute to his mother, whose Halloween displays were always the talk of the town when he was a child. Halloween Herm said he is the process of applying to Guinness World Records to get his Halloween display into the record book.

This year's display, which doubles as a fundraiser for the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Centre, features new additions including a Taylor Swift skeleton and a tribute to the Cincinnati Reds' playoff run.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Did You Know?

A healthy heart responds to small daily choices — walking 30 minutes, eating balanced meals, and managing stress can strengthen your heart every day.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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Applications invited for competitive exams training

Mysuru, Oct. 13 - Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana, under the guidance of its Pontiff Dr. Nischalanandanatha Swamiji (a senior KAS Officer earlier) and in association with JICE Academy for Excellence has invited applications for residential and non-residential training programme it proposes to organise for KAS, Group-C, Police Inspector, Police Constable and other competitive examinations.

The candidates for the training will be selected through an entrance test.

The training programme, which will be held at the premises of Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana, comprises meditation, yoga, mental empowerment, training from experienced trainers, well-equipped class rooms, holding of mock examinations and physical training Police Department posts, good library and separate accommodation for gents and ladies. In addition, the training programme will also feature interaction with successful achievers.

Last date for submitting applications is Oct. 20. Applicants can submit online applications through website: *www.jiceias.com*.

For details contact Mob: 76761-67901 or 90355-28526, according to a press release.

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Today's Outflow **8,008 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **825 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**

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- ***The stonefish produces intense vasoconstriction. If you're stung by one, it can cause shock, paralysis, malaise, nausea and vomiting, sweating, delirium, pyrexia, cardiogenic shock, respiratory distress and even death if it's not treated within a few hours by anti-venom.***
- ***At over 25 tons, the whale shark is the second largest fish in the world, and yet it's fuelled mostly by plankton, plants and algae. It has over 4,000 teeth, but it's a filter feeder.***

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Dad: *Son, Jawaharlal Nehru was in Oxford in your age. But your are...*

Son: *Might be, dad... Nehru was the Prime Minister of India in your age. You are still a clerk !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 88.74**
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VOICE OF THE READER

Musings on serial accident on Chamundi Hill Road

Sir,

This refers to the serial accident on Chamundi Hill Road (*SOM* dated Sept. 27). According to an eyewitness account, there was a sudden increase in the speed of the bus and the driver was unable to bring it under control.

The safety instruction from vehicle manufacturers for driving on ghat (hill) roads is very clear: While descending a slope, the same gear used for climbing that particular incline must be used. This ensures that the vehicle's speed is controlled by the engine.

I have often seen drivers becoming complacent while driving downhill. They use the top gear and rely solely on the brake to control speed. In this case, it appears to be the same. Otherwise, there would have been no reason for a sudden surge in speed.

True, top gear saves fuel — but it is a dangerous practice. I recall that, decades ago, some uninformed drivers would even switch off the engine while going downhill to save petrol! It must be remembered that brakes are meant only for emergencies, in case the gear system fails.

Vehicle owners, particularly the KSRTC, should ensure their drivers are trained accordingly.

—K.N. Krishna Prasad
Lakshmipuram
10.10.2025

Excelsoft launches AI-powered toolkit for teachers

- Cuts classroom preparation time from hours to minutes
- Phased roll out of the product across Schools in India

Mysuru, Oct.13- Excelsoft Technologies Limited, a vertical SaaS player specialising in learning and assessment solutions, has launched an AI toolkit designed to support teachers in classroom preparation, lesson planning and student assessment.

Built in collaboration with teachers and aligned with CBSE/ NCERT standards, the toolkit addresses one of the biggest gaps in India's classrooms: the disproportionate time teachers spend on preparation versus direct student engagement.

In its first phase, the toolkit brings together four teacher-focused solutions — namely Lesson Plan Assist, Quiz Generator, Exam Preparation Assist and Video Trimmer.

The toolkit has been designed as a plug-and-play product for immediate deployment across schools of every size without heavy infrastructure or steep learning curves. Excelsoft will roll-out the product in a phased manner across India.

Features and Impact

Teachers currently spend long hours creating lesson plans, quizzes and exam materials, yet most digital tools are generic, built for global markets, and do not reflect Indian curriculum needs.

With this toolkit, the time saved by the teachers can be redirected towards mentoring, personalised learning and deeper student engagement, while retaining full control to review and refine AI-generated content.

Lesson Plan Assist generates CBSE-aligned, activity-rich lesson plans — Generated within 60 mins; Saves 6 to 9 hours per plan.

Quiz Generator creates adaptive, competency-based quizzes — Drop from 2 hours to 20 mins; Saves 60 to 80% of prep time.

Exam Preparation Assist builds customised exam practice papers by sorting CBSE past papers, adjusting difficulty and converting formats. It can adjust difficulty levels and convert question formats in under 5 minutes, a process that once took days.

Video Trimmer condenses long educational videos into concise, classroom-ready clips; Ready-to-use, reel-like content for class.

"Education at its core is about preparing children for life, and that mission begins with empowering teachers. Many digital tools unintentionally reduce teacher involvement with students, compromising student learning outcomes. That's why we built the AI Toolkit with teachers as the lynchpin of the design process. These tools are meant to free teachers from routine prep and administrative load, while enabling richer student-teacher interaction," said Adarsh Sudhindra, Vice-President, Excelsoft.

Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Chairman and Managing Director, Excelsoft, said, "NEP 2020 and the new National Curriculum Framework place strong emphasis on competency-based learning and assessments, a shift already visible in CBSE classrooms. Teachers are at the heart of this transition, and technology must be designed to strengthen their role, not dilute it. At Excelsoft, our two decades of experience in designing trusted, pedagogy-first learning and assessment platforms in India and globally has guided the development of the AI Toolkit. It represents a responsible path for bringing AI into classrooms; innovative, curriculum-grounded, and built to serve teachers in their role as anchors of education."

In its next phase, Excelsoft's AI Toolkit will be extended to support students, parents and school leaders with features like an AI-powered doubt solver, Learning Progress Tracker, home support tools and dashboards to further improve teaching quality and learning outcomes.

EPFO outreach programme

Mysuru, Oct. 13- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, conducted the Mysuru District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 at Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Limited, Silk Filature, T. Narasipur, on Sept. 29.

Manjula, General Manager, KSIC, was the chief guest. B.S. Shruthi, Enforcement Officer/ DNO, D. Manoj Kumar, Sr. SSA and Neha Singh, SSA of EPFO, Regional Office, Mysuru and Vijayalakshmi, Branch Manager, ESIC, Mysuru, have redressed the grievance of stakeholders and properly managed the event.

A seminar/ presentation was given on Part A and Part B of PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM VBRY) to employees and employers who were present. Benefits of the scheme in order to generate and support employment were also explained.

EPFO stakeholders visited the venue with their queries and grievances, which were solved immediately. Under PRAYAAS initiative, many PPOs were distributed to pensioners on the same day of their superannuation.

As part of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0, Digital Life Certificates in respect of many pensioners were updated on the spot.

B2B meetings in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 13- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), along with Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), has organised B2B meetings in Mysuru on Oct.14 and 15 at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.

Held under the theme "Expand Your Business in International Markets through UAE," the initiative will highlight the strategic advantages of the United Arab Emirates as a gateway for Indian companies to tap global opportunities. Interested businesses may contact Sunil Kumar on Mob:76768-88111.

25th Sarasa Translation Workshop held at Dhvanyaloka

Prof. C.N. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka, felicitating Dr. Usha Hegde. Picture right shows Dr. Mysore Manjunath and his son Sumanth, who gave a Violin concert along with Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga.

Mysuru, Oct. 13- The Sarasa Translation Workshop, which was first launched in the year 2000, recently achieved a significant milestone in completing 25 years of uninterrupted existence alongside the journal *Sarasa* edited by Prof. C.N. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Srinath remarked how *Sarasa* was the only journal in the country exclusively devoted to translation at the time of its inception and had curiously remained so even after 25 years.

The two-day event, he observed, was not only a moment of celebration, but also one of introspection, necessitating some self-searching questions. He however admitted with a touch of pride that the annual workshops had offered many fascinating moments of ecstasy and challenge.

An important observation he made was that distinguished participants who had gathered were not only regular contributors to *Sarasa*, but had even independently produced some remarkable translations of both ancient and modern classics such as *Harihara Ragale, Vaddaradhane, Sarvajna Vachanas, Mankutimmana Kagga* and Western classics such as *Divine Comedy, Light of Asia, Things Fall Apart,* etc.

Prof. Srinath's welcome speech was followed by a series of presentations by senior scholars resulting in fruitful discussions.

Also there was an hour-long inspiring talk by Dr. Usha Hegde, the first and only woman mountaineer from Karnataka to have scaled Mt.Everest in 2024 and an outstanding violin performance by the legendary Dr. Mysore Manjunath and his son Sumanth ably accompanied by two mridanga artistes, making it a fitting finale to the Silver Jubilee function.

The release of Prof. Srinath's translation of two American Poets and the other of his own poetry by Prof. TRS Sharma brought the curtains down on a memorable evening.

NEWS BRIEFS

Minister's city tour

Minister for Medical Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, **Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil** will undertake a tour of the district on Oct. 14. Dr. Patil, who will arrive in the city at 10.30 am, will visit the venue of the Mega Udyoga Mela organised by the District Administration (on Oct. 17) at 11 am and review the preparations.

Dasara illumination concludes

The 21-day Dasara illumination, which began on Sept. 22, concluded last night. The electrifying spectacle, executed by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), captivated lakhs of spectators.

Ayurveda camp

Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, KBL Layout, near Devegowda Circle, is organising a free Ayurveda check-up camp for Cerebral palsy and Osteo Arthritis from Oct. 13 to 19. For details, contact Mob: 97317-99317.

'Ivaru Nammavaru' series on JSS Radio

Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, wife of late Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa of Mysuru, recipient of 'Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward-2015 for their home garden 'Santhrupthi,' will speak at the 'Ivaru Nammavaru' special series programme at JSS Community Radio Station, Mysuru, on Oct. 14 at 8 am and at 5 pm. Sudha, who has been actively engaged in various social initiatives, is the Founder of Sneha Stree Samaja dedicated to the empowerment and upliftment of women. Listeners may tune in to 91.2 FM or access through JSS Radio App available on Playstore.

Bouddha Maha Sammelana

Karnataka State Bikku Association, various Bouddha, Ambedkar Associations and Vishwa Maithri Bouddha Vihara have jointly organised 'Bouddha Maha Sammelana' at Maharaja's College Grounds in city on Oct. 14 and 15, to mark the 70th anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar embracing Buddhism, said former Mysuru Mayor and Vishwa Maithri Bouddha Vihara Convenor V. Purushotham. About 30,000 Buddhist Monks from across the State, country and abroad are expected to participate.

JSS gets nod for JSS School of Medicine in Mauritius

JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh addressing a press meet at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city this morning as (from left) JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 Prof. S.P. Manjunath, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath look on. Picture right shows JSS Academy building in Mauritius.

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (MTY&BNR)- The JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mauritius (JSSAHERM), has got accreditation for its MBBS Programme by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Mauritius, and the formal approval for the establishment of the JSS School of Medicine at Vacoas, Mauritius.

Announcing this at a press meet at Suttur Mutt in city this morning, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh said, this marks a significant step in the international journey of JSS Mahavidyapeetha (JSS MVP) — one of India's largest and most respected educational trusts with over 360 institutions across India and abroad — and represents the realisation of its mission to provide quality, affordable and globally relevant higher education beyond the shores of India.

Under the spiritual leadership of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, JSS Mahavidyapeetha has consistently expanded its educational mission globally — from India to Dubai, Mauritius and the United States of America, he said.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who too spoke, said that in 2006, as former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, through a columnist, had asked JSS to start educational institution in Mauritius, we had started a Skill Programme there, after which we had even started Engineering Course with VTU affiliation. After a few years, as the UGC found that VTU had not obtained the required permission from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to operate outside India, it was stopped. However, now the Government of Mauritius has given formal approval for the establishment of the JSS School of Medicine at Vacoas, the Seer added.

Established in 2006, the JSS Academy, Mauritius, was the first private higher education institution in Mauritius to offer engineering programmes. Over the years, it has expanded its academic portfolio to include a wide range of disciplines beyond engineering. Managed by JSS Education Foundation Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, under the aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha (JSS MVP), the Academy embodies the vision of delivering quality education at an affordable cost to a global community.

Situated on a sprawling 8-acre campus at Bonne Terre, Vacoas, with a built-up area of 14,689 sq. m, the Academy houses state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, workshops and residential facilities that meet international academic and regulatory standards.

In alignment with the vision of the Swamiji and the global expansion plans of JSS MVP, the Academy established the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mauritius (JSSAHERM) as a degree-awarding institution registered with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in 2018 — a manifestation of the enduring vision to create a world-class educational hub in the Indian Ocean region.

The launch of the MBBS programme now marks the next transformative milestone in this journey — designed to serve the healthcare and human capital needs of Mauritius, Africa and Asia.

The JSS Medical College, Mysuru — ranked among the top medical institutions in the country and part of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) — brings decades of experience in delivering competency-based, research-driven medical education and will mentor this programme. This expertise forms the academic backbone of the Mauritius MBBS programme.

The MBBS programme at JSSAHERM has been designed in alignment with the National Medical Commission (NMC), India, ensuring equivalence and familiarity for Indian and international students. Graduates will also receive structured orientation and preparatory support for clearing the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) in India and other global licensing examinations.

Admissions

Admissions for the first batch of MBBS students are expected to commence in November 2025. The institution will also pursue international accreditations in line with its goal of becoming a globally benchmarked medical education centre in the Indian Ocean region.

'Will work for recognition of karate by SAK'

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (PM&VNS)- Adding karate to the recognised list of sports by **Sports Authority of Karnataka (SAK)** is at the top priority, said newly appointed SAK Vice-Chairman Arun Machaiah here yesterday.

He was speaking after receiving felicitation by the Mysore Karate Association at Yoga Mandira located at University of Mysore Sports Pavilion.

"There has been conspiracy to not recognise karate at SAK and also to exclude the sports in Khelo India. However, the attempts were foiled by a united fight as a result of which karate was added to the list in Khelo India," he said.

Arun also added that he had held discussion with Secretary to the Government on including karate to the list of recognised sports in Karnataka and assured that the sport would be formally recognised by the Authority as early as possible.

Arun Machaiah, who was recently appointed as SAK Vice-Chairman, being felicitated by MLA G.T. Devegowda at a programme organised by Mysore Karate Association in city yesterday as others look on.

Stating that karate was the only sport to have Associations in all 31 districts of the State, he said Karnataka had the highest number of karatekas.

Mentioning that there were three Karate Associations in Kodagu with Olympians as its members, Arun called upon the Associations to work under a single roof to have a good future.

He also mentioned during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is also the Chairman of SAK, issues related to Sports Hostels and others were discussed and sought the co-operation of Sports Associations in execution of his ideas to improve sports. "SAK has been allocated three rooms at Sri Kanteerava Stadium. I will ensure that a sophisticated room is also allocated to Karate Association at the Stadium," he added.

Earlier, the felicitation event was inaugurated by MLA G.T. Devegowda. Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak, Mysore Karate Association President S. Sunil Kumar, Secretary Bharati Anand, Vice-President Shankar, Joint Secretary Chidanand and Directors Sosale Siddaraju, Mahadevaswamy, Nagaraj and others were present.

'Patha Sanchalana' marks RSS centenary

Uniformed volunteers of RSS during 'Patha Sanchalana' (route march) in city yesterday. Picture right shows senior BJP leader M.V. Ravishankar and ex-MP Prathap Simha at the event.

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (VVH&BCT)- Volunteers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) took out impressive route marches across several towns and villages yesterday, marking the centenary of the organisation's founding and the Vijayadashami festival.

In Mysuru, the RSS Mysuru Mahanagar unit organised a disciplined 'Patha Sanchalana' (route march) under the slogan "Chanting the ideals of the Sangh, we march steadfastly on the path of purpose."

The march began from the MysoreOne Centre Ground in Gokulam 3rd Stage, where over 1,200 uniformed swayamsevaks assembled in full RSS attire — white full-sleeved shirts with pockets, khaki trousers, Sangh belts, caps and black boots.

The participants marched in synchrony through major residential areas, displaying remarkable coordination and discipline. The 'Patha Sanchalana' was divided into two routes, each covering around 2.7 kilometres before converging back at the starting point. The event began with the unity anthem "Let us forget all differences, we are one…" followed by the verse "God has no caste, nor do His devotees…" The 'Patha Sanchalana' concluded with the singing of the RSS song "Namaste Sada Vatsale, Maathrubhume…" before the march commenced.

Route-1 covered 11th Cross, Nandagokula 6th Main Road, Contour Road, Mahadeshwara School Road, Mahadeshwara Temple, Kumbarakoppalu, 1st Main Road, the road behind Kempegowda Stadium, Mahadeshwara 4th Main Road, Trinethra Circle, and turned right via Ganapathi Temple. Route-2 passed via Doctor's Corner, Gokulam 9th and 8th Cross, Bapat's House, SBI, Gokulam Main Road, Gokulam Arch, Gokulam 2nd Cross, Sai Baba Temple Road, P&T Colony Main Road, Contour Main Road, Basaveshwara Park and concluded at the grounds via Ganapathi Temple.

Several dignitaries, including Vaman Bapat, MLAT.S. Srivatsa, former MP Pratap Simha, Vijay Vittala Educational Institutions Chairman R. Vasudev Bhat, Ravishankar, Anand, Giridhar, Tilak, M. Venkatram, Nandan, former MLA L. Nagendra and Satish Swamy, were present.

Participant collapses, dies at hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (VVH&BCT)- A tragic incident occurred during the RSS 'Patha Sanchalana' in city yesterday, when a participant reportedly died of heart attack.

The deceased has been identified as Mahendra Choyal (37), a resident of Jayanagar, Mysuru.

Mahendra Choyal, who is said to have collapsed while participating in the evening march, was immediately taken home.

Mahendra

As his condition did not improve, he was shifted to a private hospital, where he was declared dead despite medical efforts to revive him.

'Anti-national move': BJP slams Congress over RSS ban plan

Congress tried to ban RSS thrice; even Indira Gandhi could not succeed: R. Ashoka

Bengaluru, Oct. 13 (UNI)- The debate over Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) activities in Karnataka intensified, with senior BJP leaders launching a sharp counterattack against Minister Priyank Kharge's appeal to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for a blanket ban on all RSS activities within Government premises.

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka led the charge, accusing the Congress of displaying an 'anti-national attitude' and 'political frustration' through its repeated attempts to curb the RSS.

"The Congress has tried to ban the RSS three times. Even Indira Gandhi could not succeed," Ashoka said. "Today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah come from the RSS. Most Governors in the country are associated with the Sangh. When the entire nation stands with the RSS, the Congress can no longer call itself a national party."

Ashoka also aimed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of being ignorant of India's history and "unfit to comment" on the RSS. "The RSS instils patriotism. The Congress has no love for the nation — it only loves votes," he charged.

Sympathy towards PFI

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi echoed similar sentiments, alleging that Congress leaders had consistently failed to justify their actions against the RSS while showing sympathy towards organisations like the Popular Front of India (PFI) and the Muslim League.

Joshi argued that restricting RSS activities would serve little purpose, pointing out that many political representatives — from Ministers to the Prime Minister — are influenced by or aligned with the RSS ideology.

"From Jawaharlal Nehru to Sonia Gandhi, no Congress leader could curb the RSS. It has grown without division, and efforts to ban it today are equally futile," he said.

Stifling patriotic sentiment

Karnataka BJP President Y. Vijayendra accused the Congress Government of targeting the RSS while ignoring real threats to national security.

In a post on X, Vijayendra said that the State Government seemed "more concerned with anti-nationalist activities than actual national security," calling the move to curb the RSS a "deliberate attempt to stifle patriotic sentiment in Karnataka."

He highlighted that the RSS, with a long-standing presence in the State, is dedicated to "Sarvangeena Unnati" (all-round development) and plays a key role in social reform and community welfare. Vijayendra further remarked that chants of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' at RSS shakhas, which unite both young and old, seemed to unsettle those "accustomed to shouting 'Pakistan Zindabad'," suggesting that Congress leaders were uncomfortable with open expressions of nationalism.

Kharge's intellectual poverty

Reacting strongly, expelled BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal described Priyank Kharge's proposal as "intellectual poverty" to seek a ban on the world's largest volunteer organisation.

In a post on X, Yatnal defended the RSS, saying its volunteers are always the first to respond during natural disasters, accidents or crises — from floods and earthquakes to train mishaps and the COVID pandemic. He called the RSS a symbol of discipline, service, social commitment and national pride.

Yatnal further hailed the Sangh as the only organisation that offers selfless service without expectation of reward, saying its ideology has reached every household and continues to expand uniquely. "No one has ever succeeded in banning the RSS; it remains the only organisation respected even by its critics," he said.

CM acts on Priyank Kharge's plea to curb RSS activities

Directs Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to examine Minister's letter immediately

Bengaluru, Oct. 13 (UNI)- The Congress Government in Karnataka appears to be moving towards banning Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) activities on Government and public properties, including schools and colleges.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has directed Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to immediately examine a request submitted by RDPR and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

The move has sparked a political controversy as the CM acted on a representation submitted by Priyank Kharge, son of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, on Oct. 4. Acting on the letter, Siddaramaiah wrote to the Chief Secretary "to review and take necessary action with immediate effect."

In his letter, Priyank Kharge urged the CM to impose a ban on all RSS activities within Govt. institutions and on public premises across Karnataka, arguing that such actions are contrary to India's unity and spirit of the Constitution. "RSS has been conducting its shakhas in Govt. and Government-aided schools as well as in public grounds, where slogans are shouted and negative ideas are instilled in the minds of children and youth — ideas that go against India's unity and the spirit of Constitution," Kharge stated in his letter dated Oct. 4.

The letter, shared with the media by Karnataka CMO on Sunday, further alleged that divisive forces, such as RSS, were "sowing hatred in the minds of people," making it essential to curb such elements to "uphold the secular values of the nation."

Kharge also claimed that "aggressive displays" involving the use of sticks *(dandas)* were being carried out without Police permission, leaving a "harmful psychological impact" on children and youth. Calling for urgent intervention by the State Govt., Kharge demanded that the RSS be barred from conducting any activity, including shakhas, within Government institutions or on public property.

"I earnestly request that a ban be imposed on all types of activities conducted by RSS — whether under the name of shakha, sanghik, or baithak — in Government schools, Government-aided schools, public playgrounds, parks, temples under Muzrai Department, sites under the Archaeology Department and any other Government premises," Kharge stated.

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Vikram Muthanna

Bring back the Anti-Rowdy Squad

Then City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth warning rowdy-sheeters not to indulge in any anti-social activities. [File photo dated Dec. 13, 2022]

In the wake of City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar's decision to revive the Anti-Rowdy Squad to rein in the menace of rowdy elements in city, *Star of Mysore* **is republishing Vikram Muthanna's article which had suggested to revive the Anti-Rowdy Squad way back in 2023 itself.**

The article titled "Bring Back the Anti-Rowdy Squad" **was originally published on Dec. 9, 2023. — Ed**

Recently, a youth assaulted the MCC Revenue Inspector in his office because the Inspector had told him not to smoke on the office premises.

A few weeks earlier, there was a report that three youths assaulted a middle-aged man for honking at them as they entered a one-way street.

Earlier this week, I witnessed an accident near Crawford Hall where two youngsters came out of nowhere and rammed into a car that was slowly being driven around the circle by an elderly man.

After the accident, the boys limped up to the old man and screamed, *"You blind old fellow, didn't you see I was coming at high speed? Don't you know you have to brake?"*

The youngster was so entitled and fearless that, he felt that all traffic should brake when he was riding fast. What audacity!

A bystander told the boys it was their mistake to speed like that. The boys unfazed, threatened him and gave him a dirty verbal lashing in Kannada, saying, *"Shut your ass and get out."* Immediately most of us left because the boys looked too menacing and fearless of the law even though a Policeman was present.

Such incidents of young thugs abrasively threatening and beating up people have been happening more often these days and will increase as the city grows.

Mysuru Police have failed to tackle 'minor assault' cases. It is getting hard to tackle such cases because the Police treat them as a 'skirmish' or just an 'outburst,' so don't file a complaint; just let the thugs go with a warning.

The other reason is that victims also don't file complaints because they will be stuck in the Police Station for a whole day and maybe even for a few days.

There are two other factors which have contributed to the increase in the brutish attitude of youngsters in Mysuru.

First, the political patronage given to *'Vedikes'* (platforms) and *'Abhimanigala Sanghas'* means there is political pressure on the Police not to take action against youths who are members of such associations.

The second issue is — law-keepers felicitated by law-breakers. Every time a new Police Officer comes to the city and takes charge, the first people to welcome him with a bouquet of flowers are the guys most likely to break the law.

Worse, these days, one sees Police Officers in bars and restaurants sitting and dining with people of questionable repute. This does not bode well for the Police force.

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Anti-Rowdy Squad MUST HAVE non-Mysuru Officers

Considering ground reports that there has been a long, strong and mutually beneficial relationship between certain Mysuru Police officers and the law-breakers, it would be prudent for the Government to include officers from outside Mysuru district into the Anti-Rowdy Squad or else, this ARS will fail.

As cases of minor assault increase, what are we citizens to do? Is it time we, too, like the Cops, start wearing body cams? That way, even if we can't get justice, we can at least put up the video on social media and warn people of the self-styled rowdies.

It may be time to bring back the Anti-Rowdy Squad — a lite-version that patrols heavily in the city limits.

In the early 1990s, rowdies became a menace as the Police turned a blind eye. Then, in 1993, two on-duty Constables were attacked near Gayathri Talkies on Chamaraja Double Road.

Immediately, the then City Police Commissioner H.R. Kasturirangan set up an 'Anti-Rowdy Squad' headed by Inspector K.S. Thammaiah.

Soon, the cleansing began with rowdy-sheeter Lakshman, aka 'Chimpanzee', being killed in an encounter when he tried to 'escape' from Police custody in the old Santhepet area.

ARS, as we journalists called the Squad, had struck fear in the hearts of rowdies and, more importantly, aspiring rowdies.

In just a year, thugs learned to behave and rowdies completely mellowed down, and the Anti-Rowdy Squad was moved into the City Crime Branch, where it remains dormant. Can City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth revive it?

If the Commissioner could create an 'Ultra-Lite - Anti-Rowdy Squad' with a hotline number, senior citizens and ordinary citizens will not fear this new wave of self-styled young dons and it may even be a deterrent for hot-blooded wannabe rowdies.

If the Police can revive the ARS, it would give Mysureans a sense of safety and confidence in the Police.

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Anti-Rowdy Squad re-starts

Spiralling crime rate will be controlled: City Top Cop

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (RK&KS)- The Anti-Rowdy Squad (ARS) resumed operations on Oct. 10, 2025, conducting extensive area domination drives and registering cases under various Acts.

On Oct. 12, the squad carried out operations in Ittigegud, Matrumandali Circle, Ghousianagar, Sunnadakeri, Kyathamaranahalli, and Paduvarahalli, during which 282 individuals were picked up for questioning.

The squad also registered 269 cases under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA) and 455 petty cases under the Karnataka Police (KP) Act.

One individual, Prabhu alias Daiva, was remanded to judicial custody, and a rowdy parade was conducted at Lashkar Police Station.

In addition, a special traffic drive was carried out between 8 pm and 11 pm across the city, resulting in 64 cases of triple riding, 120 cases of riding without helmets, defective number plates, and wheeling violations under the Indian Motor Vehicles (IMV) Act, and the detention of 14 vehicles.

The re-booted Anti-Rowdy Squad aims to restore law and order, curb criminal activities, and instil fear among anti-social elements in the city.

After I took charge as the Police Commissioner, a few crimes involving budding rowdies had come to light. To put a stop to such anti-social activities, the Anti-Rowdy Squad was re-launched in the city. DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani will closely monitor the squad. I will also participate in operations, visiting the homes of rowdy elements, bringing them to the Police Station and initiating legal action. After 8 pm, the Squad members will carry out search operations, targeting budding rowdies and other anti-social elements through Area Domination drives. The squad will also address traffic violations under the IMV Act and other criminal activities."

— Seema Latkar, City Police Commissioner

DCP Bindu Mani issuing stern warning to anti-social elements.

'Political meddling must not demoralise squad'

Anti-Rowdy Squad members should show full dedication towards controlling rowdyism in the city, and higher officials must encourage and protect them. Only then can the squad operate with confidence. They should not be distracted and demoralised by political interference and must continue their work with focus and commitment.

At present, many rowdies are not afraid of the Police, believing they can serve short jail terms, secure bail, and return to crime. The Police must instil fear among rowdy elements by teaching them a strong lesson so they refrain from anti-social activities in the future. During my time in the squad, higher officials supported and protected us, which allowed us to work fearlessly and with complete dedication."

— Puttaswamygowda,
Former Inspector of the
Anti-Rowdy Squad

Export Management Training workshop begins in city

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (MK&DM)- The six-day Export Management Training workshop for industrialists, entrepreneurs and businessmen, organised under the joint aegis of Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru and District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, began at The President Hotel on B.N. Road here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the workshop, VTPC Joint Director C.S. Babu Nagesh stressed on the need for increasing exports and reducing imports in order to further boost our economy. Pointing out that Karnataka is the fourth biggest exporter in the country, he highlighted that there is a big profit in exports, for which we have to undertake a proper global market survey. "The manufacturers should first gain solid ground in local markets and then go for exports. VTPC is the only full-fledged centre in the State that guides and promotes export of goods and services to foreign countries. The participants can contact the VTPC for any clarifications or confusions regarding export matters. The VTPC has put up the time schedules of expos and marketing fairs around the world, in its website. The entrepreneurs can visit these expos and market their products, for which the Centre is always ready to extend help," Babu Nagesh said and called upon the industry and business fraternity to make best use of this export training workshop.

Mysuru Industries Association (MIA) General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, MCCI Secretary Shivajirao, VTPC Convenor Aravind Bhat, L. Meghala, Deputy Director of Khadi and Village Industries Board, Mysuru and VTPC Export Facility Centre, Mysuru and others were present.

The 6-day workshop, which concludes on Oct. 18, features sessions, talks and modules on export management, promotion etc.

Bride-to-be harassed over dowry

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Complaint details

According to the FIR, on Oct. 8, Mamatha Devi, a resident of Fourth Cross, Gangothri Layout, lodged a formal complaint stating that her daughter, Dr. M. Neethu — a Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) graduate currently employed at Manipal Hospital — faced harassment and exploitation in connection with a proposed marriage alliance.

The complaint states that K. Mahadev, K. Nagarathna, and their son M. Tejas, residents of Koorgalli (with Tejas working at a software company in Bengaluru), had approached the family through relatives Annaiah and Pavan, expressing interest in marrying Dr. Neethu.

The groom's family visited Mamatha Devi's home two to three times, met the bride-to-be, and approved the alliance.

Based on the groom's family's requirements, the engagement was scheduled at Vihangama Homestay in Kotehundi village, and the wedding at Sa.Ra. Convention Hall, Dattagalli. On June 22, 2025, Mamatha Devi paid Rs. 1,50,000 in advance to reserve the wedding hall.

Demands for cash and gold

During engagement preparations, the groom's family allegedly demanded a 150-gram gold necklace, a gold bracelet, Rs. 10 lakh in cash, and a diamond ring for the groom.

Mamatha Devi stated that she arranged these items — excluding the diamond ring — by borrowing money from relatives and friends, and handed them over in the presence of Annaiah and Pavan.

The engagement ceremony was held on Aug. 31, 2025, with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 15 lakh, during which the diamond ring was also presented to the groom.

Fresh dowry demands

However, on October 4, 2025, the groom's family allegedly returned to the complainant's home and made fresh demands: Rs. 25 lakh in cash and a Hyundai Creta car worth Rs. 20 lakh.

Mamatha Devi stated that her family had already provided the diamond ring, 150 grams of gold, and cash through substantial loans and refused the new demands.

Following this, the groom's family allegedly declared that the marriage would not proceed, insulted Mamatha Devi and her daughter with abusive language, issued threats to their lives, and caused significant emotional distress.

Elders from Koorgalli village, known to the groom's family, reportedly tried to mediate and convince them to go ahead with the marriage, but the groom's family allegedly remained adamant about their demands.

Mamatha Devi has requested legal action against Mahadev, Nagarathna, Tejas, and relatives M. Shashikumar and his wife Suma. She has also demanded the return of all valuables, engagement expenditures, and the advance paid for the convention hall.

Tiled drainage chamber cover opens up near Gun House

Mysuru, Oct.13 (PM&DM)- In yet another glaring case of negligence on the part of authorities, a tiled underground drainage cover on the footpath adjoining the Gun House compound wall in the heart of the city has opened up, posing a threat to pedestrians.

The opened up tiled drainage cover, located right opposite Vishwamanava Park on Dasara Exhibition Road, poses a real threat to pedestrians who walk on the footpath.

Pedestrians face the risk of slipping into the ditch of the opened up drainage tiles and getting injured. Though the tiles opened up days ago, the authorities have turned a blind eye to this trap, thus putting the pedestrians who walk on this footpath at the risk of slipping and falling down.

The citizens have urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to wake up and undertake urgent repairs of the opened up tiled drainage cover and as well as other stretches of the tiled footpath, where tiles have come apart and thus prevent any injuries to pedestrians, who unknowingly walk on this footpath.

From Pool to the... Pitch

He has long been recognised as a talented cricketer within the State's cricketing circles. Kruthik Krishna, hailing from a humble background in Mandya and having represented India U-19 in 2019, had been knocking on the doors of selectors for a spot in the Karnataka Ranji Team — a dream he recently realised.

The promising wicket-keeper and batsman, Kruthik, who represents Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru Zone, has been selected for State Ranji Team, which begins its campaign on Oct. 15 against Saurashtra at Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat.

Kruthik, who was 'out of form' over the past couple of years, made a strong comeback this year. In the recently concluded Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappaiah Memorial Tournament organised by KSCA, he scored 349 runs from five matches at an average of 49.86 and 339 runs in five matches, including a century and two fifties, averaging 113 in Bengaluru Division I League, performances that caught the selectors' attention and earned him a place in this year's Ranji squad.

Kruthik comes from a supportive family: His father, G.S. Krishna Shetty, runs a business in Mandya while his mother M.R. Krupa, works as a pharmacist with the Employees' State Insurance (ESI).

***Star of Mysore* caught up with Kruthik Krishna for an interview as he prepares to embark on his Ranji Trophy journey. —** *Excerpts:*

Kruthik Krishna from Mandya set to make Ranji Trophy debut

Star of Mysore (SOM): You started off as a swimmer and now you're a cricketer, how did this transition happen?

Kruthik Krishna: Even before cricket, when I was five, my father enrolled me in swimming classes at the PET Sports Complex in Mandya. I continued swimming until I was eight and even became a State-level swimmer before quitting. My father, who used to teach me cricket at home, noticed my potential in the game and enrolled me for cricket coaching at the PET grounds under coach M. Mahadev. That's how cricket began in my life.

SOM: Was wicket-keeping your first choice?

Kruthik Krishna: Not really. I didn't have any inclination to specifically become a wicket-keeper. As a child I was a bit shorter than others my age, but I was more agile. So, my coach suggested I take up wicket-keeping because he saw that I had the potential to excel in that role. Being just nine, I had no choice but to follow his advice and that's how I became a wicket-keeper.

SOM: Coming from a town like Mandya, where resources are limited, how was your exposure to the game?

Kruthik Krishna: I was fortunate to get a good start. I had the chance to practice with senior players at the club, which really helped. By the time I was 11, I started playing at the U-16 level and was identified by the KSCA Mysuru Zone as a talented youngster.

At 12, I got selected for the U-14 team, performed well and earned a spot in the State team. I was also selected for the RC-KSCA Academy at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Mysore which provided great exposure and deep insight into the game. Since then, there's been no looking back.

SOM: How did your family react when you finally made it to the State Ranji Team? And what role has your family played in your success?

Kruthik Krishna: Having witnessed my struggles and efforts over the years, my family is overjoyed with my selection to the Ranji Team. This dream wasn't just mine — it was a shared ambition for the entire family.

Honestly, it's hard to put into words the role my parents have played in helping me reach this level. My father always says that teamwork is key to achieving great feats. It is because of the constant support of my father, mother and grandfather Raghunandan that I have been able to achieve what I have today.

SOM: Now that you have made it to the State Ranji Team, how do you plan to make the most of this opportunity?

Kruthik Krishna: Before I talk about the future, I want to reflect on the past couple of years. I was so eager and desperate to play in the Ranji Trophy that I often over-thought things and did many things that didn't work out. Now that I have got this opportunity, my focus is simple: enjoy playing good cricket, learn from the senior players, gain dressing-room experience and contribute to Karnataka cricket.

— VNS

Kruthik Krishna with his parents G.S. Krishna Shetty and M.R. Krupa.

Heavily penalise those dumping garbage indiscriminately: MGP

Mysuru, Oct. 13 (SPN&DM)- The members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), who met here at the MGP office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri yesterday, expressed deep displeasure over litter of 600 tonnes of wastes across the city by tourists and local people who took part in different events at multiple venues during the 11-day Dasara festival which concluded recently in the city, which matter has turned out into a national debate.

MGP Member D.V. Dayananda Sagar making a point at the MGP meeting in its office in Yadavagiri yesterday.

The MGP members, taking strong exception to the lethargic attitude of the people in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene during Dasara, urged the Government to introduce moral education right from primary education to higher education and to penalise those who do not segregate wastes by enactment of a Law.

MCC Assistant Executive Engineers (AEE) K.S. Mrutyunjaya, who took part in an interaction based on the topic 'Dasara cleanliness: Management and Reforms,' replied to questions raised by MGP members on why the Dasara High Power Committee had not seriously considered carrying out awareness campaigns on the importance of maintaining hygiene and non-use of plastics during Dasara.

In his response, Mrutyunjaya said that following a Government direction, the MCC prioritised hygiene and cleanliness during Dasara.

Stating that there were different Dasara Sub-Committees to manage things, he said that all these Sub-Committees have done a good job within their limits and accordingly, the Hygiene Sub-Committee too has done an excellent job.

When some members pointed out that garbage was dumped in the areas around the Palace and Aahara Mela and that garbage bins were not kept in front of stalls, Mrutyunjaya said that all Sub-Committees have carried out their assigned task and worked for the success of Dasara.

Maintaining that the MCC had done its best within its scope to maintain hygiene and cleanliness during Dasara, he said that though there might be some minor lapses, overall the Dasara was a grand success in all aspects.

The MGP members observed that there may be accountability if the MCC is completely entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining Dasara Aahara Mela hygiene, food quality and waste disposal. In response, Mrutyunjaya said that this issue does not come entirely under the purview of the MCC. However, the Dasara High Power Committee can consider this and it is this Committee alone which can penalise those failing to maintain hygiene, quality of food and such other issues.

The MGP members argued that the MCC authorities could have directed the Dasara Aahara Mela vendors to ensue bins are emptied and garbage is cleared without waiting for the night. The MCC could also have asked the vendors to take up the responsibility of ensuring their areas are clean the way hoteliers are expected to do by regulations, they maintained.

Some MGP members said that there are more than 41,000 Government Primary Schools in the State and the Government seems to have not taken sanitation issues in these schools seriously. They urged the Government to take necessary measures for regular maintenance of toilets, hygiene and such other issues bothering the schools.

The meeting passed 4 resolutions urging the Government to give top priority for maintaining hygiene and to provide quality food to people visiting Dasara Aahara Mela, keeping of garbage bins in front of every stall, usage of public address system to make regular announcements asking people to maintain cleanliness and hygiene during Dasara *Jumboo Savari* procession, Torchlight Parade and all other Dasara event venues and to introduce topics on hygiene and cleanliness in State and Central curriculum.

MGP President S. Shobhana, members D.V. Dayananda Sagar, Bhanuprashanth, Nataraj (a retired MUDA official), Dr. Renu Agarwal, Gangadhar Prasad, Malavika Gubbivani, V. Shankar, Vishwanath, K.V.K. Naidu, G. Sridhar, Dr. Surekha, Prabha Nandish, Ashwini Ranjan, Rotary West School Administrative Officer (AO) Shankar, Rotary Brindavan School AO Dinesh, M.S. Asha, K.R. Shankarmurthy, S. Tejas Kumar, Arun K. Subramanyam, M.S. Dinesh, T.R. Ravindra and others were present.

The MGP on Aug. 11, had launched a poster campaign (highlighting 2 mantras — Do not litter and stop others from littering) to promote 'My city, My Responsibility' campaign at BSS Vidyodaya School as a preparation for clean Dasara.

As many as 19 schools of the city had exhibited these posters in the classrooms of their schools to remind students to act as a public eye to prevent littering and maintenance of cleanliness.

Senior Naval veteran passes away

Mysuru, Oct. 13- Suresh (77), Senior Naval veteran, former Leading Mechanical Engineer (LME) - 1974 batch and a resident of Premier Residency on Dewan's Road near Sadvidya School, passed away following a heart attack at Jayadeva Hospital in city this morning. He had taken part in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

Suresh

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Oct. 14) at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Obituary

K.P. Prabha

Mysuru, Oct. 13- K.P. Prabha (69), wife of retired KAS Officer and CESC Managing Director Dr. P. Boregowda and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, sons K.B. Prabodh and K.B. Pradhyumna, daughters-in-law Shwetha and Jaya, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning.

Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph

Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph (50) of Mysuru Diocese, passed away at St. John's Medical College Hospital in Bengaluru yesterday.

The mortal remains has been kept at St. Mary's Minor Seminary at Bannimantap in Mysuru for the public to pay their last respects today and will be shifted to St. Philomena's Church at 8.30 am tomorrow (Oct. 14) where Funeral Mass will be held at 10 am.

The body will be later shifted to St. Paul's Church at Chamarajanagar for the Funeral Mass at 3 pm followed by the burial.

Siddaraju

Siddaraju (60), a resident of Basaveshwaranagar, passed away on Saturday in city.

A native of Malangi in Kollegal taluk, he leaves behind his wife Rathnamma, son Avinash, daughter Sowmya, son-in-law Kumar, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

'Aey Kari Topi Baa': DKS' remark at MLA Munirathna sparks chaos

Bengaluru, Oct. 13 (Agencies)- A high-voltage political drama, heated exchanges, commotion and a sit-in protest marked Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's (DKS) public outreach programme — 'Bengaluru Nadige' (Bengaluru Walk) — at J.P. Park in Mathikere yesterday.

After completing his morning walk and interacting with residents, Shivakumar took the dais to address the crowd and hear grievances alongside officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Spotting Rajarajeshwari Nagar MLA Munirathna seated among the public, Shivakumar called out, "Aey Kari Topi Baa" (Hey Black Cap, come here), inviting him to the stage. As a visibly irritated Munirathna made his way forward, Shivakumar remarked, "He's wearing a new black cap."

Munirathna, dressed in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) uniform — black cap, white shirt and brown pants — walked up, grabbed the microphone from the anchor and voiced his protest. Addressing GBA Chief Commissioner Maheswara Rao, Munirathna complained that, despite being the local MLA, he was not invited to the event.

"I doubt if this is even a Government programme," he said, adding that officials must learn to respect elected representatives.

As Shivakumar urged him to sit down and discuss the issue later, Munirathna accused the Dy.CM of turning the event into a "Congress propaganda programme." When organisers turned off his microphone, chaos erupted between supporters of both parties, prompting Police to escort the MLA off the stage.

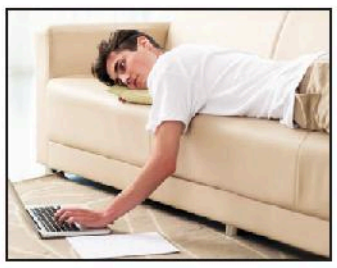
Calling for calm, Shivakumar taunted, "When I see the attitude and behaviour of the MLA, I understand you (people) are living in hell. I can see your frustration with electing an MLA like this."

Expressing displeasure over the disruption, Shivakumar said, "The MLA has no patience. It is in his nature to obstruct others' programmes. I know you regret choosing such a representative."

He urged the public to "give him the right reply when the time comes."

WORD OF THE DAY

Languid



Pronunciation: LANG-gwid (adjective)
Meaning: Something described as languid shows or has very little energy, force or activity.
Origin: Lack, lack, lack. Languid is all about lack. Depending on its context, the word can suggest a lack of strength or force, a lack of energy, or a lack of activity. The lack-of-strength/force sense of languid describes the kind of sluggishness that often results from fatigue or weakness, as in "the illness left her feeling languid." The lack-of-energy sense is synonymous with listless, and often describes someone's character or disposition as a result of dissatisfaction or sadness. Lastly, there's the lack-of-activity sense of languid, as in "investors are worried about the languid stock market." So languid is a total bummer, right? Not so (ahem) fast! Sometimes it's a good thing to dillydally, and languid has also long been used to describe stretches of time — think afternoons, days, summers, etc. — that are relatively and perhaps pleasantly chill.
Example: "The flat once belonged to 19th-century French writer George Sand, and is now a handsome apartment with sleek decor and elevated amenities that will make it easy to enjoy languid afternoons sipping on a glass of wine and perusing the owner's extensive literary collection." — Elise Taylor, Nicole Kliest, and Elly Leavitt, Vogue, 8 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Gouache

An opaque watercolour prepared with gum.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A house divided against itself cannot stand

Meaning: When you use the expression 'A house divided against itself cannot stand' you literally mean that success comes from sticking together and to do anything else is to invoke disaster.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'A house divided against itself cannot stand' comes from the Bible. In the King James Version, the quote is found in Matthew, 12:25: "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."
Example: "I wish Ben and Jerry would learn to get along. After all, a house divided against itself cannot stand."

QUOTE BOX

To err is human; to forgive, divine. **—Alexander Pope**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

IN OUT

Answer: In one side, out the other.

SUDOKU

8		5		6				
	1	3	8					
		7	1					
	4			1		7		6
			7		5			
2		8		4			5	
					6	5		
					2	1	8	
				8		9		4

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	3	5	6	8	1	7	9
7	9	1	2	4	3	8	6	5
6	8	5	9	7	1	2	3	4
9	4	7	6	5	2	3	8	1
2	1	6	3	8	4	5	9	7
3	5	8	7	1	9	6	4	2
1	3	4	8	2	7	9	5	6
8	6	2	4	9	5	7	1	3
5	7	9	1	3	6	4	2	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Little devil
4 Apple's tablet
8 Boeing Commercial Airplanes
11 Slim battery type
12 Spring flower
14 Not at home
15 Take to the air
16 Direct a course
17 Mineral source
18 Business degrees
20 Against
22 Place; stead
24 Famous Hitchcock movie
26 Electronics giant
27 Wicketkeeper Prathiv ____
28 Commonly used suffix - "Tin" anagram?
29 Table in church
30 Marry
33 Pain or distress
34 Ballot
35 Spanish fleet
37 Persia today
38 Retained or preserved
39 Russian emperor
41 Work well together
42 A slave or a serf
45 Playback singer Arun
48 _ _ carte (1,2)
49 Air Data Inertial Ref. Unit
50 Greek goddess of dawn
51 That is to ___ : in other words?
52 One of many Central European person
53 U-turn from NNW

DOWN:
1 Our air-force in short
2 ___ de mer or seasickness?
3 Remittance
4 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
5 ___ through : completes successfully?
6 Brewed beverage
7 Pass away
8 Kiosk
9 Unusual item
10 Had a meal
13 Earnest request
19 Purchase
21 Natl. Chem. Lab
22 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
23 Charged particle
24 Capital of Bihar
25 Remain
27 Work laboriously
29 Queen of Crime ___ Christie
30 Bothers or vexes
31 Greek vowel
32 Private room or a lair?
33 Stereo component
34 By way of
35 Cub Scout leader
36 Transmit or broadcast
39 Unit of pressure
40 Cigarette end
41 A cooking fuel
43 Walsh and O'Neill
44 Perjure
46 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
47 Suffix for enzymes

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	E	W			E	S	E		T	W	E	E
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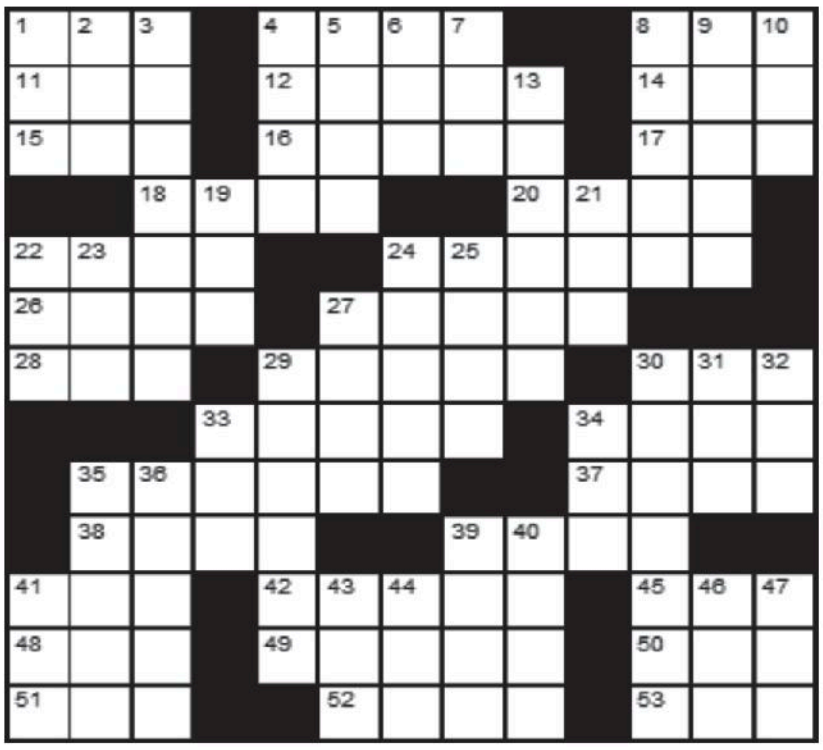

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QWW MRKMWR QGR TQJR QWXNR. BCRE

QGR TQJR KP OKIRZ, PWRZC QIJ JXIIRGZ.

KIWE BCR JXIIRGZ QGR JXPPRGRIB.

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The measure of a man is not the number of his servants but in the number of people whom he serves.

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		4.45 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
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Ravana Prabhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm

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		5 pm, 6.15 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.45 pm
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Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	9.55 pm

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		2.10 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.20 pm, 10.30 pm
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		7.35 pm
Caught Stealing (E)	:	2.05 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	4.35 pm
The Smashing Machine (E)	:	7.40 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.15 pm

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		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	4.10 pm, 10.15 pm

Play Nijamahatma Babasaheba to be staged today, tomorrow, Oct. 16

The play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba,' written and directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa, will be staged at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises today, tomorrow and on Oct. 16 at 6.30 pm. It is also planned to stage the play across the State in four phases, according to Cariappa. Picture shows a scene from the play which had its final rehearsal at Hari Vidyalaya auditorium in city last evening.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 13)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Gemini Circus:** Shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru:** Special lecture by Shivamogga-based orator Vidwan G.S. Natesh on 'Vidhiya Leela Vinoda' based on Dr. D.V. Gundappa's novel 'Mankuthimmana Kagga,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba,' written by Addanda Cariappa, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 14)

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- **Directorate of Students Welfare, Manasagangothri and Karnataka State Co-operative Federation Ltd., Bengaluru:** Debate Competition on 'Co-operative' for Degree and PG students (2025-26), retd. Professor of DoS in Economic and Co-operation Prof. S. Mahendra Kumar inaugurates, University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Puttaswamy and Mysuru District Co-operative Union Ltd. CEO Dr. M. Vishweshwaraiah chief guests, EMRC auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
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		12.15 pm, 12.55 pm, 2.10 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.55 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm

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